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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN DISSATISFACTION WITH LATIN AMERICAN ENERGY ORGANIZATION (OLADE)

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1. GAZETA MERCANTIL (SAO PAUTO) OF SEPT 1 CARRIED AN ARTICLE TITLED "OLADE: BRAZIL AND BOLIVIA WILL ASK FOR ITS ABOLITION IN QUITO MEETING." THE ARTICLE REPORTS THAT BRAZIL AND BOLIVIA ARE DISSATISFIED WITH OLADE'S SWOLLEN BUREAUCRACY AND LACK OF DIRECTION, AND SAYS THAT THESE TWO COUNTRIES WILL PROPOSE IN QUITO THAT OLADE BE ABOLISHED OR THAT IT BE GIVEN A CLEARER CHARTER AND THAT ITS BUREAUCRATIC STRUCTURE BE REDUCED TO ONE-THIRD ITS CURRENT SIZE.

2. THE ARTICLE ALSO REPORTS A DIVERGENCE OF OPINION ON OLADE BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND ENERGY (MME) AND THE FOREIGN M MINISTRY. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, THE MME IS ANTI-OLADE BECAUSE
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IT IS UNHAPPY THAT OLADE HAS NOT LIVED UP TO THE EXPECTATIONS THE MME HAD FOR IT AS A TECHNICAL INSTITUTION, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME BRAZIL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR A MAJOR SHARE OF OLADE'S INFLATED BUDGET. (THE ARTICLE STATES THAT BRAZIL HAS NOT PAID ITS LAST $140,000 ASSESSMENT.) THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, ON THE OTHER HANDE, APPEARS MORE WILLING TO OVERLOOK OLADE'S "GROWING PAINS" BECAUSE IT VIEWS OLADE AS THE ONLY LATIN AMERICAN FORUM FOR

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THE DISCUSSION OF ENERGY QUESTIONS AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY,
QBECAUSE OLADE'S CHARGER INDIRECTLY SUPPORTS BRAZIL'S POSITION
IN ITS DISPUTE WITH ARTENTINA OVER THE USE OF SHARED RIVERS.
MME IS THE LEAD GOB AGENCY FOR OLADE RELATIONS, HOWEVER, AND
ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL ACCEPT THE
MME'S DECISION.
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3. COMMENT. EMBOFF BROUGHT UP GAZETA MERCANTIL ARTICLE AND OLADE
QUESTION IN SEPT 2 CONVERSATION WITH ADVISOR TO MINISTER OF MINES
AND ENERGY UEKI. ADVISOR WAS UNHAPPY ABOUT THE ARTICLE BECAUSE HE
SAID THAT IT WAS BASED ON AN OFF-THE-RECORD INTERVIEW WITH UEKI.
ADVISOR ALSO SAID THAT THE MME POSITION ON OLADE WAS NOT AS NEGATIVE
AS THE ARTICLE'S HEADLINE INDICATED. HE SAID THAT BRAZIL WOULD
MAKE AN EFFORT (PRESUMABLY WITH BOLIVIA) TO "REFORM" OLADE
BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER TO ASK FOR ITS ABOLITION.
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